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## RAILWAYS ARE SUBJECT OF A FINE ADDRESS

First Meeting Of Canadian Club a Decided Success.

LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Problem Of Government Ownership of G.T.R. and C.N.R. Discussed in All Its Phases.

The Canadian Club held its first meeting yesterday afternoon in the Chemistry Building, and listened to an excellent address on "The Railway Problem in Canada," by Mr. W. F. Tye. They were indeed fortunate in their selection of such a speaker to talk on a subject of such paramount interest at the present time.

C. H. Adair opened the meeting with a brief description of the aims of the club, and said that interspersed among the general meetings would be a series of such meetings as this, where subjects of importance to Canadians would be discussed by men who are authorities in their sphere.

Acting-Principal Adams introduced the speaker, and spoke of Mr. W. F. Tye as the leading railway engineer of the Dominion and a man who was thoroughly conversant with his subject, and, in fact, had written some valuable articles on the railway situation. He spoke of the vital importance of railways for transporting commodities from their source of supply to their ultimate market. Dean Adams spoke of the first railway from Laprairie to St. John's—a sleepless track of wood with metal rails—where the loosening of a rail often caused it to stick up through the cars!

Mr. Tye then opened his address by saying what an honor it was to speak on one of the most important questions in Canada before an audience of such potential importance.

He said the Railway Problem in Canada was a subject of such a vast nature that he could only touch on the fringe, and would speak briefly of the most important phases. Mr. Tye spoke of the immense mileage in Canada, how it was almost as great as Germany with her seventy million people, one-sixth as great as the United States, with one-fourteenth of the population, and one of the greatest, if not the greatest, per capita, in the world.

The East and West are separated by a barren country furnishing no traffic, but Canada has great haulage for long distances. Consequently, Canada must have cheap and efficient rail service. The great problem is to make such a sparsely settled country pay for its service.

Canada has good railway service and low rates, and withstood the burden of war expenses better than any other country—certainly more creditably than did the United States.

Mr. Tye said he would divide the rest of his subject into three main divisions: how railways are built, why they were built, and the mistakes made in their construction.

Originally railways were given grants of land, which became onerous to the landowner.

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## TICKETS FOR DANCE SOLD IN ONE HOUR

Coming Dance Promises Best For Season—Jazz Band Present.

Popularity for the Students' Council informal dances is certainly not on the wane. At nine o'clock yesterday morning 175 tickets, representing as many couples, were put on sale, and in little more than an hour were all sold.

Indeed, the lobby of the Union presented such a scene as may be witnessed in that of the Princess any afternoon. Long lines of men eagerly awaited their turn to purchase the coveted bit of cardboard, and many were seen to turn away disappointed when the pile had vanished.

The dance on the 12th promises to be one of the best of the season, as the committee are leaving no stone unturned in the arranging of adequate refreshments and good dance music. Mr. Price, the popular Union caterer, will see to it that no one will be forced to go without ice cream, cake and coffee. The music will be furnished by one of the best jazz bands in the city, the leader of which is an undergraduate in Science.

The programme will be published at a later date.

## WHAT'S ON

TO-DAY.

1.00 p.m.—Arts '20 Class photo, at Notman's.  
5.15 p.m.—Fencing class practice.  
6.15 p.m.—Boxing class meets.  
8.00 p.m.—Foreign Students meet at Hall.

Coming.

Dec. 5th—High School Dance.  
Dec. 5th—Delta Sigma vs. "L.T."  
Dec. 9th—Old Scouts Smoker, at Union.

## LAWYERS WIN DEBATE FROM ARTS' TEAM

Programme For Next Few Weeks Outlined.

LIVELY DISCUSSION.

Inter-collegiate Debating To Be Resumed This Winter In Larger Scale.

A very successful meeting of the Literary and Debating Society, was held last night at Strathcona Hall. The topic: "Resolved that the Dominion of Canada should exclude the immigration into the Dominion of all non English speaking peoples," was defended by Messrs. Latham and McLean of Arts '20, while Messrs. Dillon and Duckett debated for the negative. The decision was awarded to Law '22.

In introducing the speakers for the evening Mr. J. C. Farthing, the President of the Lit., referred to the programme for the next few weeks. On Friday there will be a debate between the Lit. and the Delta Sigma Society on the subject: "Resolved that it would be to the advantage of the Canadian people if the former party should gain control of the Dominion Government." This debate promises to be a very interesting one, and will be held in the Union in order that a large audience may be accommodated. At the next weekly meeting on Tuesday, there will be a debate on the subject of the Canadian Naval Policy, while in the following week the subject is to be "Resolved that the costs of the war should be levied on Capital." This last topic will be debated by Arts and Law.

After dwelling on the importance of a United Canada Mr. Latham, the first speaker, concluded his remarks.

## SUCCESSFUL WORKOUT BY BASKETBALL MEN

College Teams Preparing For Inter-collegiate Series.

The Senior, Intermediate and Junior Basketball teams held a practice in the Central Y.M.C.A. at 6 o'clock last night. About twenty men turned out for the workout. There are several men who did not appear and who are anxious to try for one of these three teams. A day is being arranged for later in the week when these men may practice under supervision.

A short practice on different passes was held, the left-arm and forward passes being specialized in. Then the Senior team was lined up against picked men from the other two squads, and a short, snappy game was played. After the men had worked in this way for some time, a short eye-practice was held.

Among the Seniors, Roy Foss is showing signs of great improvement. He has been overseas for two years, and is consequently a little out of form, but his progress is entirely satisfactory. Perrault is being tried out on defense, and he is playing a good game. Lew Kern is putting up his usual strong game on the defense. He is one of the main-stays of the team. Hay is also a very strong man.

McPhail, Medicine '23, is playing particularly well on the Intermediate squad. Marsh Kern turned out for the first time. While he is a man of considerable promise, he needs a lot of very hard work to get into first-class shape.

There will be another practice on Thursday, the 6th. Further details and a list of the men who are expected to turn out for this workout will be published in the "Daily" to-morrow. The Seniors are going to be asked to practice three nights a week until they get into condition for the inter-collegiate games.

It is expected that an exhibition game will be staged in the near future between the McGill Seniors and a team from the Central Y.M.C.A.

## MEDICAL MEN ENJOY FEAST AT WINDSOR

Freshman - Soph. Banquet Scene Of Gay Festivity.

ORCHESTRA EXCELLED.

Good Music, Brief Speeches and Excellent Menu Add To Success Of Event.

The Rose Room of the Windsor was the scene of much jollification last night, when the Medical Sophomores were honored by the Freshmen in a royal banquet.

Promptly at 7.30 the banquet hall was thrown open, and some two hundred hungry (not to say thirsty) men sat down before a very promising menu. Much credit is due the Freshmen for the extreme pains taken in providing such a well-chosen supper, and a programme of great variety and interest.

While the company was assembling and during the meal, the Harmony Dance Orchestra, Old McGill's own production, rendered a number of popular airs to a highly appreciative audience. The orchestra established a record for itself, and from the splendid performance last night, we feel sure it will be in high demand for all college functions of the future. It is deserving of more praise than we can offer here, and it is but saying little when we mention that it contributed largely to the success of last night's entertainment.

After an hour at the festal board, and when programmes had been auto-graphed all round, the toasts began. T. Jones, president of the Freshman year, acted as toastmaster, and proposed a toast to His Majesty the King, Sailor, Soldier and Gentleman. Mr. Jones also proposed the toast to the Sophomores.

In responding to this, the president of the sixth year took occasion to remind the Freshmen how the Sophomores had done their duty in defeating them at the rush, and hoped that next year these men would uphold the traditions of a Sophomore class.

Professor Simpson proposed a toast to ex-Service men of the faculty. This was responded to by Professor Whinnell, himself an ex-Service man. He briefly referred to experiences at the front, and paid tribute to the men who had bravely borne the brunt of battle.

The response to Alma Mater was given by Professor Evans. After a few witty remarks he made appeal to all Medical men to avail themselves of such an education as was here offered, so that they might ever be proud as graduates to look upon McGill at their Alma Mater.

In proposing the toast to the Faculty, Mr. D. Murray spoke of the high esteem with which Meds. regarded their professors. Dean Birkett, in response, likewise mentioned the close association existing between faculty and students of the Medical Department. The Dean spent a few moments in reminiscences of early days in the Medical Faculty. During the course of his remarks he took occasion to pay high tribute to the part "McGill Daily" played in the past.

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## RUGBY TEAMS WILL BE BANQUETTED

Prominent McGill Athletes To Be Present.

This evening the three McGill Rugby teams will be banquetted at the University Club. This banquet has been arranged to take the place of the usual banquet when tickets were sold to all students who cared to attend.

McGill holds an enviable record in Rugby circles and in honoring her athletes she is honoring herself.

McGill men will be attended by many McGill men who on the field of sport in days past have brought credit to the University.

All those who played on any of the three Rugby teams are invited to the banquet, and are asked to accept this as a personal invitation. They are assured of a splendid supper and a good time as well.

The following men were down at the Y.M.C.A. last night:

Ford, Crain, E. Clarke, W. James, Solomon, Mendelsohn, Brown, Root, Lashley, McPhail, Hay, McMien, R. Foss, Levitt, Forbes, McCaffrey, Crankshaw, Perrault, Lew Kern, M.



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1919.

## The Wicksteed Competition

In the news section of to-day's "Daily" appears a notice of the reorganization of the Gymnastic Club. This club affords one of the best means of getting voluntary exercise in preparation for the Wicksteed Competition.

This competition was made possible by the munificence of the late Dr. R. J. Wicksteed, and has been held annually for the past twenty-five years. Generally the best athletic talents in the university is brought out.

The contest is a graded one, different divisions being made for members of different years.

The silver medal and small "M" are given for the senior class to students of the graduating year who have attended the gymnasium classes for at least two sessions. The bronze medal and small "M" are given to students of the second and third years who have attended the gymnasium for two sessions.

For the past four years there has been a special competition for first year men, and no doubt this part of the competition will be renewed this year.

To have the distinction of winning any of these prizes, which indicates the all-round indoor gymnastic and athletic superiority in the respective divisions, is no small honor, and one of which any student might well be proud. The honor is much enhanced by the fact that the prizes have the authorization of Corporation, and are granted at Convocation.

We trust that students will get out early in the session and so get ready for the competition, which will be held sometime after Christmas.

## What Class Are You In?

Prof. N. P. Sherwood of the bacteriology department of the University of Kansas, has divided all students into four classes. He calls these classes Industrious Boneheads, Loafing Boneheads, Loafing Brains, and Industrious Brains.

"The industrious bonehead," said Prof. Sherwood, "are the 'grinds' who plod along without seeming to get any where. That type is easily recognized. The second type, the loafing bonehead, is the only hopeless type of the group. He is the only one not likely to recognize his class. He is blissfully ignorant of the fact that he doesn't know anything."

"A loafer to be a really good loafer must be a good thinker. This kind of a loafer belongs to the brainy loafer class. They have my sympathy and respect because often they aren't appreciated."

"Most students, I believe, at least most of my students, belong to the last two classes. This is very fortunate for the other two classes are the ones that make teaching a burden."

## THE GARDNER RECITAL.

The following programme will be given by Stanley Gardner, the Canadian pianist, at his forthcoming recital at the Ritz-Carlton on December 9. Interest is centred in the joint number by Miss Livingstone and Mr. Gardner, and also in the group of Goossens numbers which Mr. Gardner is giving by special request.

## The detailed programme follows:

Bach-Saint-Saens ..... Overture  
Gluck-Saint-Saens ..... Caprice  
Chopin ..... Country Gardens  
Chopin ..... Sonata  
(Allegro Maestoso, Allegro Vivace, Largo, Presto, ma non tanto)  
Bach-Saens-Variations on a theme of sun and back in less than 20 minutes.

## Beethoven's for two pianos:

Miss Livingstone and Mr. Gardner  
John Ireland—The Island Spell, The Holy Boy, Ragamuffin.  
Frank Bridge—Miniature Pastoral.  
Goossens—The March of the Wooden Soldier, The Punch and Judy Show, The Hurdy-Gurdy Man, The Gargoyle, The Old Musical Box, The Marionette Show.  
Glazounov—Gavotte.  
Liszt—Valse Caprice.

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## POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS AT MACDONALD

Fruit Growers From Province Meet For Two Days.

## DISPLAY OF FRUIT.

Programme Includes Important Speeches By Prominent Horticulturists.

The annual meeting of the Pomological and Fruit Growing Society of the Province of Quebec opens to-day at the College. A good representation of growers is assured from all parts of the province. The interest taken this year is very keen, owing to this being the first meeting since the cessation of hostilities.

To create further interest in the meeting, an exhibition of fruit is being put on in the Assembly Hall, and prizes offered in the various classes. The horticultural department of the College is arranging a display of six boxes of McIntosh apples, while the following growers have signified their intentions of displaying three boxes each of apples: Messrs. I. Waddell, Hemmingford; Morley Honey, Abbotsford; A. Johnson, Swetsburg; N. E. Jack, Chateaugay; and H. Weber, Huron Heights. Mr. Macoun, the Dominion Horticulturist, is arranging a collection of the latest varieties tested and recommended for trial by the Experimental Farm.

With the excellent programme of addresses to be delivered by men in close touch with horticultural work throughout Canada, combined with the fruit exhibit, a successful meeting is assured. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested in horticulture, especially many of the college students. It is hoped that a large number of the Agricultural students will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Following is the programme for the meeting:

**Wednesday.**  
2.30 p.m.—President's address. Chas. E. Petch, Hemmingford.  
2.45 p.m.—Address of welcome. Dr. C. F. Harrison, Macdonald College.  
3.00 p.m.—"Some new and not so well known varieties of fruit." M. L. Davis, Ottawa, Ont.  
3.20 p.m.—Discussion.  
3.40 p.m.—"Plant Breeding." Prof. W. J. Crow, Guelph.  
4.00 p.m.—Discussion.  
4.20 p.m.—"Plant Importation and Exportation in Relation to Canada and the United States." L. S. McLaen, Ottawa.  
4.40 p.m.—"Adverse Orchard Conditions, and how met by the Fruit Division." J. H. Lavoie, Quebec.  
7.30 p.m.—"Commercial Varieties of Apples of Canada and the United States" with remarks on each. Prof. W. T. Macoun, Ottawa.  
8.00 p.m.—Discussion.  
8.15 p.m.—The Black Currant in Relation to the White Pine Blister Rust. B. T. Dickson, Macdonald College.  
8.35 p.m.—"Dusting." Illustrated. Rev. Fr. Leopold, La Trappe.  
**Thursday**  
10.00 a.m.—Business Meeting.  
2.30 p.m.—"Conclusions from Thirty Years of Apple Growing in Eastern Quebec." Dr. J. C. Chapais, Quebec.  
2.50 p.m.—Discussion.  
3.00 p.m.—"Spring Condition in the Orchard, 1919." Treatment—Cultivation, Spraying, etc. Results—Crop. L. V. Gadois, Rougemont; M. B. Davis, Ottawa; N. E. Jack, Chateaugay Basin; Rev. Fr. Leopold, La Trappe; I. Waddell, Hemmingford; J. R. Marshall, Abbotsford; C. M. Ryker, Ten minutes each.  
4.15 p.m.—Discussion.  
4.30 p.m.—"Our Experiences in Apple Growing." Prof. T. G. Bunting, Macdonald College.  
7.30 p.m.—Address. C. W. Baxter, Fruit Commissioner, Ottawa.  
8.15 p.m.—"Roses." Illustrated. Dr. Edmund Mills, Syracuse, New York. Music during evening session.  
"God Save the King."

## MEDICAL MEN ENJOY FEAST AT WINDSOR

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played in college life, and offered his congratulations for the splendid editorial notes that were being now produced. He referred especially to yesterday's editorial, and concluded with the remark that it would not be unity of nationality, creed or sect, but unity of one purpose that would make what you do, say and think rebound to the credit of Old McGill.

Among the items of the programme were vocal solos by Messrs. Miller and Letts, piano solo by Mr. Harris, and violin solo by H. Bailon. In accordance with the quotation, "Brevity is the soul of wit," which was attached to the toast lists, all speakers made brief addresses, and the banquet came to a close at an early hour.

## NOTICES.

Sophomores vs. Freshmen, basketball game, at 6.45, in the Men's Gym, to-night.

The Seniors have changed Gym nights with the Sophomores, and will practise basketball at 10 o'clock to-night.

The basketball game which was to be played between Section "A" Teachers and Science, to-night, has been postponed.

The Juniors will have a judging period at the Arena, at three o'clock this afternoon.

## MEDICAL MAN FOR INDIAN MISSION

Young Doctor Wanted To Supply On Pacific Coast.

We have been asked to publish the following letter from Dr. Geo. E. Darby, Medical Superintendent of the Bella Bella-Rivers Inlet Hospital, B.C. The Secretary, Strathcona Hall.

"Dear Sir:— I am looking for a substitute to relieve me from about December 1st till September or October, while I am away on furlough. I am the medical missionary in this Indian village, and my substitute would need to be a Christian Doctor; not necessarily a preacher, but willing to conduct divine services and be otherwise interested in the spiritual side of the work."

Our Hospital, a new and well equipped building, accommodates up to twenty-five patients, with three or four nurses. There are about three hundred Indians in the village, and as there is only one other doctor within a hundred miles or more, there is a good deal of hospital work, both with Whites and Indians.

This place is about three hundred miles north of Vancouver, on the coast, with all kinds of boating, fishing and hunting. The Hospital has a good launch, and the winter is so mild that it can be used all the year around.

The salary may not be more than \$200 a month, with board and travelling expenses. I trust that you may know someone who would consider this. If so, please have him communicate at once with Rev. J. H. Arnup, Methodist Mission Rooms, Toronto, Ont.

(Signed) GEORGE E. DARBY.

## OUTING BY ELECTRIC CLUB GREAT SUCCESS

William Street Generator Station Visited and Machinery Inspected.

A full turn out of the McGill Electric Club assembled at the McGill Union early yesterday afternoon for the first outing. The club walked to the William Street Generator Station of the Montreal Tramways Company and were welcomed and shown around by those in charge of the station.

Almost one half of the power required to run the street cars of this city is generated in this station by means of steam, which is fed to large compound engines directly connected with huge direct current generators. In this station are several large, but rather out-of-date Edison Bipolar machines which lying alongside of the large modern Multipolar Generators attracted considerable attention. It is only for the peak loads of the early morning and late afternoon that some of the large generators are brought into service. While the McGill men were still there two generators of nearly 1500 H.P. and with immense flywheels, weighing about 350 tons, were started up.

The system of metering the current and voltage was also carefully examined, as well as the system of bus bars and arrangement of switches. Several oil switches actuated by small motors were pointed out. Many questions were asked by the club members which went to prove that everyone was keenly interested. The club executive are to be congratulated on the success of the first of the season's outings of the McGill Electric Club.

## COACHING BY AIRPLANE.

Coaching a crew by airplane is not yet practical although tried by George van Santwood, who has been assisting in coaching the Yale Varsity squad. The first crew was on the harbor for practice when Mr. van Santwood in a plane with a professional pilot flew over it. He attempted by megaphone and signals to direct the oarsmen. As to the experiment, Mr. Santwood said it was novel to him; but aerial coaching is hardly likely to rival the present system. The airplane allows more views from different and better angles but it is too fast for a crew and there is difficulty in communicating with it.

## Correspondence

The Daily is not responsible for the sentiments of letters published in the correspondence columns. Signed communications from graduates, undergraduates and members of the faculties will be placed in print if they are not of too great length.

Correspondents are requested to observe the unwritten law of the newspaper office—that they write upon ONE side of the paper ONLY.

No communication will be admitted in this column without the name of the writer being attached, not necessarily for PUBLICATION.

## To the Editor:

Dear Sir,—In view of the fact that recently a number of letters have appeared in the "Daily" affecting to criticize the management of the Union Reading Room for the manner in which they have failed to supply an adequate number of magazines, and in order that the members of the Union may not, inadvertently, allow their impressions be colored by the opinions of a few entirely uninformed individuals, the Union House Committee decided that a word of explanation of past and existing conditions would not be amiss.

As a counter stroke to the extremely personal nature of the criticism, a reply in kind might plead a certain measure of justification. The House Committee, however, consider that any descent to the level of the personal might lend a color of verity to the charge of inefficiency expressed in the criticisms, and, moreover, as the self-appointed critics were evidently totally ignorant of existing conditions and choose not to seek enlightenment before formulating their charges, a simple, bald explanation of conditions is, as it happens, the best refutation of said charges.

Immediately after the election of the faculty representatives to the Union House Committee, early in October, the customary list of periodicals was prepared and an order placed with a Toronto postal subscription agency. This method has always been adopted in years past, because it possesses certain financial advantages and has always given uniform satisfaction. This year, after a certain delay, the agency forwarded some few October numbers with a statement that the balance of the order could not at the moment be filled, owing to the fact that during the printers' strike many of the American magazines were unable to satisfy the demands of their normal circulation, but that as soon as conditions improved, they would give our subscriptions their immediate attention.

Under these circumstances, for a time it was deemed inadvisable, from a financial point of view, to buy magazines from the local dealers, on account of the risk of reduplications. For instance, if a magazine was purchased from a local newsdealer, it was quite within the bounds of probability that the same number would arrive through the mails the following day, and, as a matter of fact, this did occur later on, in one or two instances. Towards the end of October it was decided to purchase locally those magazines which had not been received through subscription orders. At the present time there are twenty-four different periodicals in the Union Reading Room, and these include all of the better class publications which can now be procured in Montreal.

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor. Signed on behalf of the Union House Committee,

JOS. GILHOOLY, President.

O. C. TRAINOR, Secretary.

## LAWYERS WIN DEBATE FROM ARTS' TEAM

(Continued from Page One.)

speaker for the affirmative, maintained that non English speaking peoples do not assimilate on account of the difference in language and ideals, and thus act as an obstruction to the unifying of the nation. He declared that in the Western provinces there were forty-five per cent of the foreign population who showed no intention of becoming naturalized, maintaining their own newspapers and speaking their own language. Sixty-seven per cent of this foreign population was absolutely illiterate, as compared to a one per cent illiteracy of the immigrants of English speaking stock. It was urged that the safety of Canada depended to a very large extent on the exclusion of this flow of foreign immigration.

The leader for the negative, Mr. Dillon, urged perusal of a larger and more broad-minded policy with respect to immigration. The mere fact that there had been some disturbance in the West was no reason for excluding all people who did not speak the English language. He pointed out that Canada had less internal unrest than any other country at the present time. After pointing out the chief causes of immigration from foreign countries, Mr. Dillon declared that the amendment of the present Immigration Laws would prove more effective and more beneficial than the total exclusion of foreigners.

Mr. McLean, the second speaker for the affirmative, drew an unfavorable comparison between the steady hardworking immigrant from Great Britain or the United States, and the Dago from Southern Europe with his unsanitary habits and the Bolshevistic taint. He also declared that the in-

roduction of cheap foreign labor was unfair to the Canadian working man, and more especially to the returned soldier. The record that Canada had made during the war was sufficient to attract the desirable elements of English speaking people without having recourse to other countries.

The second for the negative, Mr. Duckett, took exception to his opponents definition of the word "foreign." He did not consider it at all advisable to exclude the people of our late Allies—France, Belgium and Italy. A narrow policy of immigration, he maintained, was opposed to all the ideals and traditions of the British Empire. It should be remembered that the Old World, outside Great Britain, still had many things which the New World would find well worth learning.

In his rebuttal Mr. Lethbrun stated that Canada owed no obligation to foreigners. He stated that the present unrest in the United States was caused by friction between the different races.

In giving his decision for the negative, Dr. Macmillan made mention of his interest in the progress of the "Lit.", and of his willingness to render assistance on all occasions. Dr. Macmillan stated that all the speakers had spoken clearly and with emphasis.

The meeting was then thrown open for discussion. Nearly everyone present spoke at least once on the topic of the evening, the question being discussed in a very lively manner from every possible angle.

The following letter has been received from the Queen's Literary and Debating Society:

Sec'y. Debate Club,  
McGill University.

Dear Sir:—

Do you think there is any hope of Inter-Collegiate Debating being resumed this season? I am Queen's representative on the Inter-Collegiate Debating Union, and would be glad to confer with someone from your College on the matter. It is important, in it, that we should seek to revive the Inter-Collegiate contests which proved so valuable and interesting in the past?

I am sending a similar communication to Toronto and Ottawa. May I hear from you at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. BURRY.

Needless to say the "Lit." has decided to make arrangements for an Inter-Collegiate contest, and to send up a team to represent the University.

## DEATH OF MRS. G. F. JOHNSTON.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. G. F. Johnston, at Philadelphia, on December 1st, 1919. She lived formerly in Westmount, and her husband, Mr. G. F. Johnston, has been prominent in the social life of the city. A son, Charles Johnston, is at present attending McGill. Funeral will take place in Montreal at 3 p.m., Thursday, December 4th, from the home of Mrs. B. Allison, 572 Roslyn Avenue, to Douglas's Methodist Church, where the Rev. Arthur Runnels, assisted by Rev. Principal James Smythe, D.D., LL.D., will officiate. Interment at Mount Royal Cemetery.

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## ASTROLOGY.

—By D. M.

The sign Sagittarius through which the Sun is now passing, has a great many meanings, according to the House it occupies. When in the Ascendant, 6th, or 8th houses, it has influence upon health, accidents, death and events of a physical nature.

It is interesting to note that the 18th degree of Sagittarius is invariably affected in the horoscopes of persons who suffer from fire. It is usually blended with the 26th degree of Virgo or Pisces and the 3rd degree of Aries or Libra. All these elements were present on 23rd November, when Laval University was burned. Mercury was in 18 Sagittarius. Mars was in 26 Virgo. Jupiter was in 18 Leo afflicting the 3rd degree of Aries.

A planet is said to afflict, or be in bad aspect to, another planet when it forms certain angles with it. 90 degrees, called the Square, is the most inharmonious aspect. The Semi-square, 45 degrees, and the Sesqui-quadrant, 135 degrees, are also bad aspects. Good aspects are the Trine, 120 degrees, the Sextile, 60 degrees, and the Semi-Sextile, 30 degrees. Conjunctions and Oppositions are very powerful influences both for good and evil. In addition to the aspects named all other multiples of 15 degrees are aspects but not of so much importance. Some astrologers also divide the 360 degrees of the zodiac into 5 equal portions and consider 72 degrees and its multiples to be aspects. These, however, have not stood the test of experience. An aspect is close when within one degree. For example, 90 or 91 degrees is a close square. No aspect operates with any marked effect when more than 5 degrees apart, except a square only as close as 96 degrees is not very powerful.

We have seen how the 18th degree of Sagittarius is present in fire. It is important in another sphere. It is prominent in good aspect in the horoscopes of great princes and rulers, or the 18th degree of Gemini, which is its complement. Queen Victoria had Mars in Aries 18 in exact trine to Sagittarius 18 and close sextile to Jupiter in Aquarius 17. The Prince of Wales has Jupiter in Gemini 18 in trine to Saturn in Libra 18. King Edward VII. had Venus in Libra 19. In the World Horoscope these degrees come into prominence in the time of Alexander the Great, again in the time of Charlemagne and Caliph Haroun al Raschid, and again in the time of Queen Victoria. Children born on the 10th or 11th December this year at sunrise or noon will have a very good influence from this degree. The Sun is then in that degree in trine to Jupiter in Leo 18.

The 23rd degrees of Sagittarius and Gemini are the degrees of religious faith. With the 23rd degrees of Aries and Libra, and the 23rd degrees of Leo and Aquarius, these form the trinity of Faith, Hope and Charity. These degrees were prominent in the World Horoscope at the time of Samuel and King David. The next cycle was at the time of Christ when the 23rd degree of Sagittarius was at the M.C. of the World Horoscope in which position it will not be again for 25,800 years. A minor cycle culminated during the period from 1085 to 1160 A.D. It was at that time that the Crusades began. The next cycle will culminate from 2168 to 2240 A.D. when the 23rd degree of Sagittarius will be at the climatic point, or cusp, of the 9th house of the World Horoscope. Who knows but what the Second Coming may then take place, and the next cycle of 1080 years prove to be the Millennium?

There are, of course, many minor cycles caused by the motion of the planets. One of these will occur in November 1924 when Jupiter will be in the 23rd degree of Sagittarius in trine to Neptune in the 2nd degree of Leo indicating a very good influence for religious faith.

Boys born at noon on the 15th December will have a strong leaning towards the Church as their lifework, though the affliction from Venus in the 7th degree of Scorpio will cause a certain amount of eccentricity in their religious beliefs.

It is worthy of remark that the 23rd degree of Sagittarius or Gemini is found important in the horoscopes of prominent teachers of other religious creeds besides Christianity. These are the degrees of religion in the broadest sense. Other degrees are blended with them to give the various types of religion.

## The Channel Tunnel

Mr. Lloyd George, who received a deputation from the House of Commons Channel Tunnel Committee, told them the Government could not give a decision on the project until further inquiries have been made. Sir Arthur Pell was the spokesman of the deputation.

Mr. Lloyd George asked a number of questions and made an encouraging reply.

A full report of the proceedings is to be prepared and submitted to the Secretary of the War Cabinet, and an agreed report will thereafter be issued.

Mr. Lloyd George indicated that he was not prepared to pledge the Government by any definite answer to the representations made to him until the proposals had been thoroughly examined. He promised that the project should have examination fresh, and that a military and naval commission should report on it—he hoped without much delay.

Mr. Adamson suggested that the British and French Governments should take the matter in hand, and the Prime Minister did not dissent from this view.

## WICKSTEED MEDALS FOR COMPETITION

## Gym. Club Has Re-organized—Expects Successful Season.

The Gymnastic Club has recently been re-organized this year, and it is hoped that many men will turn out regularly at its meetings. Attendance at the work-outs of the club affords one of the best possible means of getting voluntary gymnastic exercise, especially for those who wish to go in for the Wicksteed medals or the Harvey Cup.

It has, in former years, been considered an exceptional feat to get one of these trophies. The Wicksteed, especially, are considered worth trying for, because they are awarded only to those men whose academic standard is quite high, and who are particularly brilliant in gymnastic work.

The work for the Wicksteed trophies and Harvey Cup is heavy; apparatus work, chiefly bar gymnastics, is required, and the awards naturally will only go to very good men; but every one should try. The Wicksteed medals are given to men in the graduating classes, and to men who have had at least two seasons of gymnastic work, and in the case of the graduating men, a certificate of academic standing, signed by the Dean of their faculty, is required.

Any man desiring further information with reference to these classes will please apply to one of the following:

Dr. Lamb, Director of Physical Education.  
Art. Walsh, Assistant Director of Physical Education.  
W. W. Werry, Commerce '21, Assistant Director of Physical Education.

## ON GROWING OLD.

Be with me, Beauty, for the fire is dying.

My dog and I are old, too old for roving;

Man, whose young passion sets the spindrift flying.

Is soon too lame to march, too cold for loving.

I take the book and gather to the fire, Turning old yellow leaves. Minute for minute

The clock ticks to my heart; a withered wire

Moves a thin ghost of music in the spinet,

I cannot sail your seas. I cannot wander

Your mountains, nor your downlands, nor your valleys.

Ever again, nor share the battle yonder

Where your young knights the broken squadron rallies;

Only stay quiet, while my mind remembers

The beauty of fire from the beauty of embers.

Beauty, have pity; for the young have power,

The rich their wealth, the beautiful their grace,

Summer of man its fruit-time, and its flower,

Spring-time of man all April in a face.

Only, as in the jostling Strand, Where the mob thrusts, or loiters, or is loud,

The beggar with the saucers in his hand

Asks only a penny from the passing crowd.

So, from this glittering world with all its fashion,

Its fire and play of men, its stir, its march,

Let me have wisdom, Beauty, wisdom and passion,

Bread to the soul, rain where the summers parch,

Give me but these, and though the darkness close,

Even the night will blossom as the rose.

—John Masefield in The Atlantic Monthly.

## FENCING POPULAR AT PENN.

One of the most interesting schedules in years has been arranged for the fencing team this year by Manager Seabright. The opening meet will be with Columbia, on Feb. 12, at New York, and will be a preliminary to the Pennsylvania-Columbia basketball game, scheduled for the same evening.

This is the first time this arrangement has been tried, and it is hoped to make it a success in every way.

Following this comes a meet with Harvard, at Weightman Hall, on February 23, and a trip to Annapolis, to meet the midshipmen, on March 13. Columbia will then make a return engagement on March 19. A meet with West Point has also been arranged, but no date has been announced.

Prospects are bright for a winning team this year, all except one of last year's team having returned. Although some sixty men are out for the team, Coach Terrone requests that any man who is interested will report at 5 o'clock for practice. Practice takes place between 5 and 6 every day. Captain Hees of the saber team, and Captain Charnock, of the foil team, are assisting in the coaching of the new men. By this system it is possible to give efficient instruction to the novices.

To make competition more interesting, the Philadelphia Fencing Club has offered several cups for novices, and the coach and captains have offered two others, to be awarded next spring to the men who show the most improvement in the art.

## WRESTLERS MUSTERED ENTHUSIASTIC FORCE

## Mr. Smith Scientifically Instructs Men In New Stunts.

Yesterday afternoon the wrestlers held a snappy practice in the upper hall of the Union. At five o'clock the fellows began to come into the dressing rooms in the basement, and by 5.05 the mat was on the way to the top floor. The men held a short preliminary practice while they were waiting for Mr. Smith to take charge. Much enthusiasm was shown by those present, but it is observed that the attendance is beginning to drop off.

At 5.15 Mr. Smith took charge of the floor and began to put the men through their exercises. The first bit of work was body balancing and lifting a man with a front waist hold. This work was followed by several other weight lifting exercises. Shortly afterwards the instructor showed the men how to take a half nelson most effectively. The counter to this hold was also shown and enthusiastically worked out by the men. However, the time given to this work is short, and unless the men practice these throws and counters outside of the regular hours they cannot expect to benefit by attending the B. W. and F.

At 5.45 the wrestlers fell in around the mat to hold a series of bouts. From all appearances they are improving very rapidly both in physique and skill, and everything promises to make the coming season a success. Each pair of men held two bouts of about three minutes, after which they went downstairs to the dressing rooms to take their showers.

The next practice will be held in the regular place at the same time on Thursday next, and all men are asked to be present sharp on time.

## WILLIAM GIBBS McADOO.

The Who, pre-eminently Who, Is William Gibbs, the McAdoo (Whom I should like to hail, but daren't).

As Royal Prince and Heir Apparent, A Man of high Intrinsic Worth,

The Greatest Son-in-law on Earth, With all the Burdens thence accruing,

He's always up and McAdooing From Sun to Star and Star to Sun—

His Work is never McAdone. He regulates our Circumstances—

Our Buildings, Industries, Finances And Railways, while the wires buzz

To tell us what he McAdoes. He gave us (Heaven bless the Giver!)

The Tubes beneath the Hudson river. I don't believe he ever hid

A single Thing he McAdid. His name appears on Scrip and Tissue,

On Bonds of each successive Issue, On Coupons bright and Posters rare,

And every Pullman Bill of Fare. Posterize.

But while, with sympathetic Croodlings,

I sing his varied McAdoodlings And write those Eulogistic Lines, That thankless McAdoo resigns!

—Arthur Guiterman in Life.

Charles Morice, a French poet, died the other day. A letter in Le Figaro quotes some verses composed by him several years ago apropos of an entry in "Larousse." We translate as follows:

## BALLAD.

Of Admiration for the Way History Is Written.

We read in the supplement to "La rousse": "Morice (Charles), French poet and critic; born at St. Etienne in 1861; died at Paris, 1905."

I was the last to find it out.

I seldom read the dictionary.

But there it is in print, no doubt!

How did I reach the cemetery?

Suddenly valitudinary?

Larousse, in style concise, alive

Me, not consulting me, did bury.

I passed away at nineteen five.

Alas! I should have liked, old scout,

To say a few farewells, and merry

It would have been, with May about,

To pluck some posies mortuary

To cheer me over Charon's ferry

When winter's leaden days arrive,

He says whose dictum doth not vary:

I passed away in nineteen five.

Well, then, the tyrant death I flout

That scares these persons ordinary.

He comes. I have my sure redoubt.

Ten hundred years may pass, but very

Cooly my corpse imaginary

Would say to him: Here end your drive!

Why, can't you read, fierce emissary?

I passed away in nineteen five.

## ENVOI

To My Creditors.

Princes cantankerous or airy,

My debts and murderer survive!

He'll fix my matters monetary.

I passed away in nineteen five.

—Chicago Tribune.

U.S. COLLEGES HAVE AERO CLUB

Columbia, Harvard and Yale will participate in a three-cornered airplane race next spring. It plans discussed at a recent meeting of the Columbia Aero Club are successful.

The proposed contest will be modelled on the New York-Toronto air race that was held recently. All three of the universities have aero clubs composed of former American aviators. Pennsylvania will probably be represented in an association to be organized to govern the new sport.

## NOTICES

Members of executives and others are requested to look under this heading for notice of all futures. Each notice is absolutely official. The Editor will not be responsible for errors in articles unless the time and date are written out in full when they are sent in.

## FENCERS.

A special fencing class will be held to-night in the unused dining room of the Union, first floor, at 5.15 sharp. All interested are asked to turn out. Gym. shoes, light clothes and a towel are required.

Foreign Students meeting in Strathcona Hall at 8.00 p.m.

## MARITIME CLUB.

The Canadian Pacific Railway have offered to provide special cars for students returning to the Maritime Province on Friday, Dec. 19th, 1919.

If those who wish to go home in this way will put their name and address on the sheet posted in the Union, the C.P.R. representative will make the necessary arrangements and will communicate with them on or before Dec. 13th. This list will be called for on Saturday, Dec. 6th.

## ARTS SENIORS PHOTOGRAPH TODAY.

The class picture of Arts '20 will be taken in Notman's studio at one o'clock to-day. It is important that everyone of the thirty-nine members of the class should be on hand so that the representation may be complete. The studio is at 471 Union avenue.

The following men should be present:—

C. H. Adair, C. B. Smith, E. M. Greaves, R. D. Taylor, E. C. Martin, C. W. Townshend, W. A. Murray, E. A. Center, J. C. McCulloch, L. K. Friedman, N. E. Peterson, J. N. Peterson, O. B. Evans, H. A. Coveler, W. B. Somerville, H. C. Knowlton, W. I. Duncan, S. Wiseman, H. Bunt, G. R. Caverhill, P. DiFlorio, G. F. Lalond, J. A. Latham, R. A. McRae, A. H. McLean, J. P. Wiser, W. M. Bourke, H. S. Everett, L. P. Silver, J. M. Vaughan, F. C. Donald, J. V. Galley, A. H. Joseph, P. A. G. Shaw, R. M. Dobson, W. McLaughlin, J. L. O'Brien.

## PHOTOS ON HAND.

The undermentioned men may receive the photos taken at Toronto by calling at the office of the secretary of the Students Council: McMahon, J. Timmins, McDonald, Jones, Hague, Mallison, Little, Kern, Allen.

## FOUND.

On the steps of the R.V.C., a tobacco pouch, containing a quantity of chewing tobacco. Owner may have same on application at the "Daily" office.

## SOCIAL EVENING.

The Pastors, officials and members of St. James Methodist Church extend an invitation to all Methodist students of McGill to a Social evening in the Church Parlors, on Friday evening, Dec. 5, at 8.15 o'clock.

## ARMENIA'S HOMER.

Greece, as everybody knows, had her Homer; but few have known that Armenia had a Homer also. His name was Moses of Khorene, and Frederick Cornwallis Conybeare has been lecturing about him in the Lowell Institute Course in Boston, thus adding to popular knowledge of the traditions of Armenia hundreds of years before the Christian era. Like Homer, Moses of Khorene, who wrote in the seventh century, was held to be dealing altogether with tradition until archaeological discoveries revealed the fact that some of his personages were historic. Semiramis, the Queen who built the city of Van, much as Homer describes Dido building the city of Carthage, has been found in the records of the past; but the civilization of her day was overthrown by Cyrus and his successors, and the land became Armenia, and entered upon a period of about a thousand years when general illiteracy obtained among the population. Concerning this period practically no record survives. Not until the fourth century did the land, now influenced by Christianity, begin to find self-expression; so it is hardly strange that what Moses of Khorene wrote, was long held to be wholly of his imagination.

Fred T. Dawson, head coach of the Columbia football, baseball and basketball teams, announced his resignation immediately following the game with Brown. His health was assigned as his reason. There has been some dissatisfaction, however, at Morningside Heights during the season, the captain of the football team, was dismissed from the squad. Dawson did not have a very successful season, but he rounded it out with a tie game with Brown, something that was entirely unexpected. His resignation came as a surprise to the student body. A meeting will be held in the near future by the Athletic Committee to fill his place. Andy Coakley has been re-engaged as baseball coach and will probably have full charge of the activities on the diamond. Dawson is a graduate of Princeton, where he was a star athlete on the gridiron and diamond in 1910.

## COLUMBIA COACH RESIGNS.

Returning from India, the 10th Battalion Middlesex Regiment landed at Plymouth. The 14th Battalion West Surrey Regiment also landed and proceeded to Crowborough.

## DIRECT ACTION PLAN HAS LOST POPULARITY IN GREAT BRITAIN

## Discredited Largely Through Hostility of Labor Leaders of Tried Experience Whose Views Endorsed at the Polls

Appearances pointed, three months ago, to a certain ascendancy of the Direct Actionists in the Labor movement in Great Britain.

Leaders of that section went about the country industriously preaching the doctrine that Parliament was useless to the working classes. Their alternative was nothing but a series of national strikes by means of which they proposed to settle not merely economic disputes concerning wages and conditions, but far greater problems of national politics.

Their campaign reached high-water mark at the end of July, when the turbulent elements in the "Triple Alliance" proposed to bring about a general strike of miners, railwaymen, and transport workers to force the Government to change its policy in connection with certain questions, such as military service and relations with Russia.

A critical position developed. Arrangements were made for a ballot of members of the three unions. But at this stage the most sensible of the Labor leaders pointed out in forcible language the folly of the course proposed.

## Ballot Abandoned.

Many of the branches of the unions recognized that they were drifting on to the rocks, says a special article in the London Chronicle. The executive of the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union refused to be bound by the decision of the ballot. The Lancashire and Cheshire miners, at a special conference, resolved by an overwhelming majority to recommend their own 85,000 members to vote against a stoppage of work.

It must have dawned on Mr. Smilie and his friends that the ballot was about to result either in a rejection of their advice or, alternatively, in a support of it by a very small majority, indicating that the Labor movement was by no means of one mind as to the wisdom of the policy.

But, whatever may have been the arguments that appealed to the Triple Alliance leaders, the ballot was never finished; it was suppressed on the plea of a postponement of the issue to the Trade Union Congress.

As everybody knows, that Congress refused to approve of direct action, and equally refused to condemn it. By 2,355,000 votes to 2,036,000 it carried the "previous question"—a device for the shelving of the issue.

## Government Attitude.

Throughout these unpleasant developments the Government maintained the principle of non-interference. It was urged to declare all strikes illegal, to veto strikes illegal, to veto strike pay, to raid the funds of the unions. It adopted the wise course of relying on the common sense of Labor itself to dispose of the threatening danger.

The workers saw that Mr. Bernard Shaw was right in describing national strikes as "a mug's game." They were beginning to discover that strikes meant food scarcity, and that they would suffer more promptly and more grievously in the conflict than would the rich classes.

There is reason to believe that they also began to understand that Parliament was, after all, responsible for its conduct to the people at large, and not alone to the Miners' Federation or any other organization. At the by-election at Swansea, whither Mr. Smilie went to advocate direct action, the voters replied by returning the Government candidate. At Widnes, where the candidate, Mr. Arthur Henderson, repudiated direct action, the voters gave him their blessing. Rushmore hammered the point home.

## Railway Strike.

All the considerations that swayed men's minds backwards and forwards between July and September were put to the test by the nine days' railway strike. It has demonstrated that the resources of the authorities were well organized and capable of standing strain. It was seen, moreover, that public opinion has to be taken into account.

In looking back at the various stages of the decline in the power of the direct actionists, the great services rendered by Labor leaders must be acknowledged. The nation owes much to the persistent advocacy of sane ideas by Messrs. Clynes, Thomas, Barnes, Henderson, Bryce, Thorne, Hodge, Tillett, Appleton, Sexton, and others.

It is to the best element in the Labor party (mostly veterans of long experience, who prefer constitutional methods to chaos) that we must look to save us from the maelstrom in industrial affairs.

## SURE OF MIKE.

"Della," said Mrs. Barrow, sternly, "I met that policeman to-day who sat in the kitchen with you so long last night. I took advantage of the opportunity to speak to him." "Oh, go on, now," replied Della, with a smile. "Ye needn't think that'll make me wan bit jealous, mum. O' have got him safe enough."—New York Globe.

## IS IT THAT?

Bix—I wonder why a Scotchman always says "hae" for "have."  
Dix—Possibly it's on account of his thrift. He saves a "v" every time he does it.—Boston Transcript.

## RIGHT VS. MIGHT.

"Why did you turn out for that truck?" According to the traffic rules, you had the right of way."

"Yes," answered Mr. Chuggins, patiently. "But the truck had the right of weight."—Washington Star.

## Latest And Best Art Picture Theatres

## Imperial

"The Dragon Painter," showing at the Imperial, is a story of old Japan, replete with artistic photography, gorgeous Nipponese scenery and exquisite settings, with Hayakawa as "The Dragon Painter" and Tsuru Aoki as "The Dragon Maid." It will have its last showing to-day.

Commencing to-morrow "The Dark Star," by Robert W. Chambers, starring Marion Davies, will be the feature. His Ruhannah Carew, the heroine of this novel, is a remarkable girl, a child of the Dark Star, under whose evil influences she was born, and her thrilling adventures are related in a series of essentially dramatic events. Gretchen Morris, dramatic soprano, sings at 3 and 9 o'clock daily.

## New Grand

If you had just made a success on the musical comedy stage, and had fallen in love with an artist and married him. If, furthermore, the man you had married, proved to be a lord of high degree; and if, finally, all his servants—twenty-three of them—turned out to be close relations, who insisted on training you for the part of the new Lady and who refused to permit you to reveal your identity to your husband, you would find yourself in the position that Fanny O'Gorman found herself in the new Goldenwyn picture, "Strictly Confidential," now being shown at the New Grand.

The role of the girl who is involved in this ludicrous situation is, none other than our old friend, Madge Kennedy. Perhaps no other actress now appearing on the screen could play the part with such delightful frankness and insouciance as Miss Kennedy impart to the role.

The picture first appeared as a story, then was produced as a play under the title of "The New Lady Bantock," in which form it ran for several seasons in America and in England; and now, under the new title of "Strictly Confidential," the charm and comic worth of the story has been placed within reach of thousands who have not yet enjoyed the delicious humor of Mr. Jerome's story. It is splendidly directed and photographed.

## Tivoli

The strong mind is capable of carrying vengeful thoughts through a generation, according to the tragic romance portrayed by Vitaphone's new picture, "The Vengeance of Durand." This production, with Alice Joyce in the stellar role, is being shown as the feature attraction at the Tivoli this week.

Henri Durand is the character of the film who demonstrates the extreme of revenge. He personifies a man with a tremendously strong mentality, great love and infinite jealousy. On the death of his bride, played by Miss Joyce, this man carries the recollection of his jealousy for years and imparts it to his daughter. On the same programme, Tom Mix, comedy, British News, etc.

## The Holman

As Drina Hilliard in her latest picture, "Marie, Ltd.," at the Holman last night, Alice Brady is the essence of all that is charming and irresistible. She has the role of a very young girl—y younger than she has had in a



## CANADA MAY HELP VETS AT COLLEGE

University Organizing From  
East To West.

### MCGILL IN LINE.

Delegation Sent To Ottawa  
—Needs Of Student Sol-  
diers Discussed.

The cause of the Returned Undergraduates, in the matter of obtaining for them financial assistance from the Government of Canada to enable them to continue courses interrupted by the war, is not, by any means, a hopeless one, as many returned students are inclined to think.

Returned students of universities and colleges all over Canada, from east to west, are already organized or becoming so, not only for the purpose outlined above, i.e., of obtaining recognition, and a form of re-establishment from the Canadian Government, but also for the purposes of furthering their own interests at their various universities, and of fostering that spirit of comradeship and sociability that is so frequently demonstrated by returned men, toward each other wherever they are gathered together.

Toronto University was the first to organize, and Sir Robert Falconer was their very able representative, and indeed the champion of all returned college men, at Ottawa, about a month ago, when he set forth so clearly and convincingly the just claims of college men, before the Parliamentary committee selected by the Government to deal with the re-establishment problem. McGill, with its seven or eight hundred returned men, is also organized. The Returned Undergraduates' Association of McGill, with the support and interest of every overseas man, can be made to exert the strongest possible influence not only in matters that pertain solely to returned students and their welfare, but also in connection with college affairs in general; but this is only true insofar as returned men of all faculties get behind their society, attend its meetings and back up their officers in the effort for the common cause.

Queen's University has a flourishing returned men's club, and its officers are letting slip no smallest opportunity of pressing returned students' claims before the Government and before prominent professional and business men generally.

St. Francis Xavier, University of N.B., King's College, Dalhousie, Mount Allison and Acadia, on the East; London and Guelph in Ontario; University of Alberta, Manitoba University and Western University throughout the West are all organized. Only three weeks ago, a delegation composed of a representative from each of the most active universities was sent to Ottawa, where, by continually pressing home to members of the House of Commons and of the Cabinet, the needs of the man whose course has been upset and delayed by the war, they succeeded, better than they realize, in pointing out to the Canadian Government one place where their re-establishment effort has been inadequate, viz., in connection with the re-establishment of soldier students.

The question of class legislation was shown to have but little bearing on the case, for students are recruited from

## REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNCIL

Polling Will Take Place At  
Union.

The election for faculty representatives to the Students Council will take place on Monday, between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. The polling will take place in all probability at the Union.

The following men have been nominated:

For Arts.  
L. W. Kern and R. S. O'Meara.  
For Law.  
C. McCaffery, J. Crankshaw and J. D. Kearney.

For Applied Science.  
J. I. Fortin and A. M. Robertson.

For Medicine.  
B. C. Keeping and D. R. Learoyd.

Students are asked to keep this election in mind and poll their votes early on Monday.

### McGill Holidays From Dec. 20 to Jan. 5

All Except the Faculty of Medicine  
Students Will Have Examinations  
After Their Return From  
Vacation

McGill students, after a steady grind of two months and a half, are now looking forward to a holiday at home for Christmas and the New Year, before they face the examinations for the half-term examinations. The announcement of the McGill authorities, that the holidays this year will be from December 20 to January 5th, 1920, will, therefore, come as good news to students who will be glad to have a brief period. The "Med" have, however, to face two exams before they get their vacation, bacteriology and physiological chemistry, but the other students have to undergo no tests until January 17.

every walk of life, and every shade of society is represented among our undergraduate body. The poor man's son and the rich man's son, and the sons of the middle class, come together to the university, which, particularly in Canada and the other colonies, is truly a democratic institution. Further, there has been no outcry in England and Australia on the part of the laboring class when the college man of the country was assisted in his effort to acquire an education.

Last week, in Toronto, a central organization, known as the "Affiliation of University Veterans," was formed for the purpose of securing co-ordination and unity of the efforts of all Returned Soldier Student bodies throughout Canada. It consists of a president, Mr. D. G. H. Wright, Science, of Queen's (an ex-sergeant-major of artillery); a vice-president, Mr. D. P. Leroyd, Med. '21, and also president of the Returned Undergraduates' Association of McGill; and a secretary-treasurer, Mr. L. K. Martin, of University of Toronto.

There are under way at the present time several plans that will materially assist in the realization of the just claims for some form of re-establishment for returned students. It is, therefore, to the interest of every overseas student to see that his Returned Undergrad. Association is supported to the fullest possible extent, since only by united effort can the college man of Canada achieve recognition at the hands of the Government.

The student has never, until now, really attempted to press his own claims, and it is up to him to see what he can do in calling to the attention of the Canadian Government the fact that a form of re-establishment, for students who have come back from the war, will make for the education and betterment of this country.

## R.V.C. NOTES

### DELTA SIGMA SOCIETY.

All members of the Delta Sigma Society should make a point of being present at the meeting to be held on Wednesday afternoon. This meeting will take the form of a story telling or rigmorale contest. Each year has elected a team of four girls, and a prize will be given for the best story. Miss Carr, Miss E. Longworth and Prof. Lambert have kindly consented to act as judges. Turn out and support your year!

### BASKETBALL.

The final match for the Inter-class Championships will be played off in the Gym to-day at 4 p.m., the Juniors playing the Freshies. Judging from the games already played this promises to be the best game of the season, and it is hard to say which year will prove the better. The Juniors, with their speedy playing, will have to put up a good fight to interfere with the skillful combination of the whole Freshie team.

At 4.30 p.m. the Seniors will play the Sophs in a friendly game.

For the 2nd Teams.

At 2.15 o'clock to-day the first matches will be played between the second teams of the 3rd, 2nd and 1st Years, A, B, C and D, when A will play C and B vs. D.

All teams must turn up on time.

### STUDENTS TAKE NOTICE.

Every Undergraduate and Partial Student is required to present himself at Room 12, R.V.C., on Wednesday morning, sometime between the hours of 12 and 1.15. This is very important and must be complied with without fail.

## CHANGES IN HOURS OF BOXING MEETS

A General Class Will Be Held  
To-day At 6.15.

A general boxing practice has been arranged for 6.15 to-night, in order to accommodate everyone in the college wishing to take up this work. Messrs. Smith and McCreary will be in charge, and a number of men will be chosen to start an advanced class to train for the Intercollegiate meet. This advanced class will be held in future on Wednesday and Friday in the regular period from 5.15 to 5.45. The general class will continue to meet under Mr. Smith at 6.15 on the same days.

This arrangement will greatly simplify the practices, and it is expected that a much larger number than usual will be able to attend. As the men in the beginners' class show sufficient ability they will be promoted to the advanced section. All who have had previous experience will be given a chance to try out for the team, and new men may be assured of a chance of being matched against their equals.

Now is the time to choose some sort of healthy exercise for the winter months. Gym work is compulsory once a week for those who are in none of the college activities, but to the man who really desires to keep fit, something more vigorous and useful should appeal. The Hockey Club and the B. W. and F. present the major attractions for the winter season. Every man who is physically fit should endeavor to take up the sport that appeals to him most and go through with a determination to make good.

## Leon Jouhaux, Great Labor Leader, Speaks

He Dealt With the Aims of Labor and  
Made Strong Appeal to Spirit of  
Community

Mr. Leon Jouhaux, secretary of the General Labor Federation of France, delivered an address last night in the Assistance Publique Hall before a large gathering of the workers of the city. The meeting, which was under the auspices of the Montreal Trades and Labor Council, was presided over by Mr. Jas. Gauthier, vice-president of the Council, owing to the absence in Washington, of Mr. John T. Foster, the president.

Mr. Jouhaux dealt with the aims of labor and the Washington Conference, and made a strong appeal to the spirit of community among labor of all races and nationalities, for the sake of humanity. He reviewed the part labor had taken in the world war, its patriotism and solidarity, and said that it was now the duty of labor to bridge the many gaps that existed between governments, because public interest, which was that of the people, should be given precedence over that of a few individuals.

The League of Nations, said Mr. Jouhaux, had been intended to cement the friendship and partnership of peoples as it was the only weapon that could keep militarism down. The question of the day was reconstruction, and this was the work of universal labor. His ideal was not the imperialism of labor—which he thought was as bad as the imperialism of capital—but the internationalization of intercourse between peoples and laborers. It was impossible for the world to go backwards, the development of one country could not be based on the starvation of another, and there could not be unemployment in a country and a lack of labor in another. Equilibrium had to be established otherwise prosperity was fictitious.

## RAILWAYS ARE SUBJECT OF A FINE ADDRESS

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government, and they changed the land grant to a money grant, and finally agreed to guarantee railway bonds. The railways were bonded according to their cost of operation. The last policy was a sad one for Canada, and it placed her in a position where she was held responsible for any liability of the company. She has given forty-four million acres and \$24,000,000 outright, and guaranteed \$52,000,000 worth of bonds. This policy of aid was essential to the growth of a railway, and was not only advisable but necessary in order to open up the country.

Mrs. Tye then went back to 1851, and showed the condition of the C.P.R. with a mileage of 7,000 and one-fourteenth of its present earnings. He gave a graphic description of the difficulties of western travel, and said that a trip such as that from Toronto to Calgary took 60 days, whereas now it takes but 60 hours. It was necessary to travel in the States the greater part of the way. There were no railways north or west of Toronto. In a trip from Calgary to Brandon he saw but one settler and few other men. The development of the country was made possible by the railways, and the railways were made feasible by the opening up of the country.

An addition of \$2,000 miles has been laid since then, and at the present time we have four big systems: the C.P.R., G.T.R., C.N.R. and Government Railways. The Government Railways in the best of times only earned their operating expenses, and never yet have they earned interest on their original cost.

In 1904 all privately owned systems were prosperous, and even the C.N.R. was doing well. What happened? The rapid construction and increase of the G.T.R. and C.N.R. bankrupted them. There is a saying that a railway is opened first and built afterwards.

This means that a railway is built as cheap as efficiency will allow, and then, as necessity arises, and civilization follows the road, a better line is gradually substituted. With the little revenue that a new country afforded, the railway company had to keep expenses low. If you spend money more rapidly than is absolutely necessary, the interest soon becomes so burdensome that it is a detriment to operation.

The G.T.R., not realizing the light traffic of the west, built as good a road as they had in the east, with low grades and wide curves, and found that they had a fine road, but no earnings to pay the interest on it. They were possessed by the idea of making in the west a railway service that was to be a complement of their splendid eastern system. This was where they made their mistake, in not realizing that the West was a far different problem to the closely settled East.

The C.N.R. made the same sort of mistake, but from the opposite point of view. They had a well managed and efficient western system, but got ambitious dreams of a Transcontinental road with an eastern system to feed it.

As the Liberal Government had fostered the G.T.R. schemes, so the Conservatives became the Godfather of the C.N.R. They made no mistake in first costs, however, building an economical road which was just one-half as expensive as the G.T.R., and just as efficient for its purpose. Their mistake lay in trying to redevelop territory that was already too well served by the C.P.R. and G.T.R.

The C.N.R. could not reach traffic centres without paralleling the other lines, and found difficulty in getting terminal facilities. Witness the tunnel and present terminus in Montreal. It is a shaft entrance, but with small space for freight accommodation, which has to be taken care of at the east end of the city, or back of the Mountain.

When they finished building, they found they had a Transcontinental line, and no business to pay for it. In order to make a main line pay, it must have fillers to supply it. A main line serves eighteen miles of territory, a system of branch lines serves up to 200 miles. Neither the C.N.R. nor G.T.R. has any branches to speak of to supply more traffic to the trunk line.

The Government ought not to have permitted duplication, but should have consolidated the good eastern system with the good western system, thereby making more useful the two existing roads.

It is absolutely essential to make the earnings of the good territory make up for the long haul with little way freight. The Government allowed no Transcontinental lines where there was only business for half a line, and in the East allowed no less than three parallel lines. If the Government had effected the consolidation of the eastern and western systems in the first place, the railway problem would be solved.

Now that the Government has made its mistake in taking over the C.N.R., the only thing to be done, in Mr. Tye's opinion, was to take the G.T.R. to round out the system and supply adequate terminals to the other railway. Mr. Tye was speaking to a Senator who was also a banker. This man said he would vote "No" most emphatically in the Government, but from a banking point of view he said it was an excellent thing. He said the Government would pay the banks 190 cents on the dollar for securities they had only paid 50 for. Why could not Canada profit by this instead of the banks, as

indeed she might if the Government had only exercised its foresight.

Mr. Tye spoke of the bad financial condition of the Government Railways. How the ones they had, the I.C.R. and G.T.P. had never even returned operating expenses, let alone fixed expenses such as interest on investment.

There is a yearly deficit of six million on Government Railways, and the C.P.R.'s net earnings are only thirty-four and a half millions. If there is any remedy in Government ownership, personally, Mr. Tye does not believe it.

He knows Government Railways as they are in the U.S.A. and Germany. The problem is in the States how to get rid of their railways to the private owners again, and in Germany it was but a military machine, so to speak, and a sorry affair. Private ownership must have Government aid, but should be a success if properly run. Government ownership will never be a success, no matter how it is run.

Mr. Tye spoke of an article in the Toronto Globe which asked of the G.T.R. under Howard Kelly would not be as good whether Howard Kelly were employed by a private company of the Government. He said he didn't believe it, personally, and said that the Government seems to have a deadly effect on the profit-earning capacity of any enterprise with which it has dealings. Mr. Tye ended his address amid enthusiastic applause, and a vote of thanks was tendered to him by the club.

The chairman said that the next meeting of the club would be held in about two weeks, notice of which would be posted in the "Daily."

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